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USDA to survey cattle, milk, and sheep and goat operations

HARRISBURG, PA – December 2, 2021 –The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be conducting several livestock surveys during December and January: the *Cattle Report*, the *Milk Production Report*, and the *Sheep and Goat Report*.

"These surveys deal with important components of agriculture in the northeastern region of the United States. It is crucial for us to have accurate data about these key livestock sectors. This information helps producers make timely, informed business decisions and plans. It also helps packers and government leaders evaluate expected volume for future months and determine potential supplies for export," said King Whetstone, director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office.

Operators selected for the surveys will be asked to provide information about their livestock inventories, counts of births, and production and prices received for milk, wool, and mohair.

NASS will mail the questionnaires to all selected producers in late December. To ensure all survey participants have an opportunity to respond, NASS interviewers will contact producers who do not respond by mail or online to conduct telephone interviews.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents. The information provided will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form.

Survey results will be published in the January *Cattle* report on January 31, 2022; the January *Milk Production* report on January 24, 2022 and the January *Sheep and Goats* report on January 28, 2022. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/. For more information, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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